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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" A great number of unpassed people were acting as clerks and I have no doubt that some dufterbunds were also amongst them."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether among them there were not people who had passed the Village Officers test ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Very possibly, Sir. But I do not know for certain."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether there are not among them men with fifteen years service and more ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am not able to understand how all these questions arise."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" Sir, they arise for this reason. The answer refers to an earlier answer and the question that has been asked is whether they were not doing the work of clerks and whether the increments should not be given to them."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The qualifications of these persons do not arise on this question."

Irrigation (Water-rate)

Renewal of the contract with the Tinnevely Mills, Limited.

* 712 Q.—Mr. CHAVADI K. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI : With reference to the answers given to questions No. 839 (a) to (e) answered on 31st March 1927, will the hon. the Member for Revenue and the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the owners of lands irrigated under the Kodaimelalagyan anicut against the renewal of licence to the Tinnevely Mills, Limited; and what relief is proposed to be given to them;

(b) whether the Government have consented to storage by the Mills in a large reservoir of water overnight and thus delaying the return of water forthwith to the river;

(c) whether the Government have ascertained the quantity of power generated and used by the Mills with the water from the Papanasam falls;

(d) whether the Government have taken advice from technical experts about the relative cost of water power as generated and used by the Mills, and of the same quantity of power from any other power producer such as steam and oil engines;

(e) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table;

(f) if the Government have not taken such advice, why has not such advice been taken and whether the Government are prepared to take such advice now at least; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to postpone the renewal of the contract with the Tinnevely Mills, Limited, till after full enquiries as to the adequacy of the rent reserved by the Government and till after discussion of the matter in the Legislative Council?

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- 4.—(a) The Government received a copy of a notice of suit sent to the Collector of Tinnevely by Pattadars under the North and South Kodaimelalagyan channels. The latter part of the question is not understood.
- (b) The construction of a storage reservoir was sanctioned by the Government in 1906. The Government have no reason to suppose that there is any appreciable delay in the return of the water to the river.
- (c) The horse-power developed at the Mills is about 1,175.
- (d) & (e) No such expert advice was taken.
- (f) The Government saw no necessity for taking such advice.
- (g) The Government have passed orders sanctioning the renewal of the lease.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—“May I know for what length of time the water was allowed to remain in the reservoir?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“Notice, Sir.”

Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—“May I know when the Government passed orders sanctioning the new reservoir, the month and date of the order?”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“I want notice, Sir.”

Civil Justice

Communal representation in the Judicial department, Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor.

* 716 Q.—MUHAMMAD KHADIR MOHIDIN SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the proportion of the various communities in the higher and lower grades up to Rs. 35 in the Judicial department of the Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor districts;

(b) whether it is a fact that the non-Brahman proportion in the higher grades has been decreasing day by day in the above districts;

(c) what steps have been taken to maintain the existing non-Brahman proportion;

(d) whether it is a fact that the claims of duly qualified non-Brahmans are not considered in filling up vacancies in the higher grades; and

(e) whether it is a fact that Brahmans who are debarred, suspended and condemned are given promotions?

A.—(a) A statement showing the proportion of the various communities in the higher and lower grades of the clerical service in the Judicial department of the Guntur, Nellore and Chittoor districts is appended.)

(b) No.

(c) The District Judges concerned report that where non-Brahmans of equal qualifications are available they are preferred to Brahman.